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1. In Vladivostok the price of a pair of shoes is the equivalent of US\$30. The cost of an ordinary meal for three persons in a nightclub is equivalent to US\$20 or more. Nightclubs are filled nightly to capacity; people appear to be spending money freely in Vladivostok.
2. There is an apparent abundance of fresh vegetables, fruits, fish and cheese. Meat and white bread are scarce and there is a marked shortage of potatoes on the market. Home appliances such as radios and vacuum cleaners are available but the prices are beyond the reach of the ordinary Soviet worker.
3. A new railroad line is being constructed along Makhodka Bay (133-50, 43-45). Several large housing and industrial construction projects were visible from the sea.
4. A new air service between Moscow and Vladivostok via Khabarovsk has been established. The trip takes about four days; there are three flights per week; the passenger allotment for Vladivostok is two seats per week.
5. A Japanese freighter #6026, the Shinmei, was observed in the Vladivostok harbor.

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